MYSORE MINES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1955.

Motion to extend time for presentation of S. C. Report.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Sir, I beg to move :

"That the time appointed for the presentation of the report of the Select Committee on the Mysore Mines (Amendment) Bill, 1955 be extended and that the report be presented before the close of the next Session of the Assembly."

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :

"That the time appointed for the presentation of the report of the Select Committee on the Mysore Mines (Amendment) Bill 1955 be extended and that the report be presented before the close of the next Session of the Assembly."

The motion was adopted.

SECOND FIVE YEAR PLAN.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Now the House will take up the discussion on the Second Five-Year Plan. I have decided to fix a time limit of 15 minutes for speeches.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS (St. John's Hill).—Sir, this is an age of plans and planning and therefore there is no surprise that we in Mysore have also had a Second Five Year Plan. It was hoped Sir, that when this Planning Board was appointed in the State, great things would come out of it. I am rather disappointed. What could their recommendations have been if the 242 crores schemes which they had thought of, had been put into print ? It would have been perhaps an interesting document. But the glaring fact remains that this Plan has now been cut down to 82 crores, and we have naturally to speak on what is mentioned in this booklet. It was said that in the First Five Year Plan, the emphasis was on agriculture and in the Second Five Year Plan, the emphasis would be on industries. But I fail to find that it is so. Out of a total sum of 82 crores, hardly a sum of about 8 crores, nearly 14 per cent, is on industries, while agriculture continues to get 30 crores or nearly 40 per cent. Of course, when you go from one plan to another, it cannot be in water-tight compartments and expenditure which naturally belonged to the First Five Year Plan, would get unconsciously into the Second Five-Year Plan. That is what has happened in our case in Mysore. On Bhadra we have spent 5 to 6 crores and we have planned to spend 11 to 12 crores more in the Second Five Year Plan. Similarly, Nugu, Thunga and some other projects which were incomplete at the end of the First Five Year Plan have got to be completed and they take up a certain sum of money under the Second Five Year Plan, so much so, that 30 crores of rupees which we have borrowed at fairly high rates of interest are going to be spent in the Second Five Year Plan solely for irrigation and agricultural purposes. What returns they will bring at the end of 1960, I have already mentioned, and I have my own doubts if even in 1965 any one of these schemes will be in a paying condition.

With these general remarks, Sir, I come to the Department of Agriculture which seems to play a very important part in our economy. The heading says 'Agricultural Production' and we have been told about their plans for the remaining five years. The Department of Agriculture, as we know in Mysore, has been in existence for over 40 years and has done wonderful work specially during the early days of Dr. Coleman. I am therefore surprised to see in this Report that this Department is now thinking of starting new lines of research work, to supply us with the latest information, which was being done as early as 1915 to 1920. Why that important section of Research in the Department of Agriculture was discontinued is not made known to this House. Now, they are again asking for a sum of 80 lakhs of rupees to revive this department. Then, this scheme of giving irrigation pumps will bring under cultivation an extra acreage of